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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, April 16, 2018  
1:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34**

**URGING THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ASSESS POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS OCEAN CONDITIONS AT BEACH PARKS AND ENSURE THAT SAFETY CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL INCREASE USE, AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AT STATE BEACH PARKS ON THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE AND IN ITS PRINTED MATERIALS.**

House Concurrent Resolution 34 urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (Department) Division of State Parks to assess potentially hazardous ocean conditions at beach parks and ensure that safety concerns are addressed prior to undertaking access improvements that will increase use, and to provide information about potentially hazardous conditions at State beach parks on the Division's website and in its printed materials.

**The Department supports this measure.**

The Department notes that in some remote areas, undesigned vehicular access routes may arise by use over the years. Improvements to state parks access roads such as at Kua Bay are intended to eliminate the damage to cultural and natural resources from these undesigned vehicular routes being used in the past, and to provide a less damaging and safer method for continuing public vehicular access.

Any improvement to a vehicle access road facilitates increased access, particularly by rental vehicles. The current robust patronage associated with record numbers of out of state visitors at State Parks, coupled with the exponential promotion of remote locations previously known only to residents' due to both social media and conventional marketing methods of the Hawaii Visitor

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Industry - has exponentially promoted both managed and unmanaged natural locations that have either water features or scenic attractions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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